## Department of Fish & Game Outdoor California Magazine 2003 Annual Photo Contest Entry Form and Rules

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The California Department of Fish and Game-Outdoor California Magazine Photography Award Program is intended to foster a greater appreciation for California's varied fish, wildlife and habitat resources. Duplicate (not original) 35mm color slides are required.

Only photographs of live fish and wildlife species in their native habitat and pictures of the natural environment taken within the State of California will be considered. Participants should avoid artificial or human-made features in their photos (e.g., fences, utility poles). Photos must have been taken by the person making the entry. Participants will be limited to a total of three entries per category per year.

Slides entered will not be returned and become the property of the Department of Fish and Game. The photographer retains copyright. The Department of Fish and Game shall have the right to use these photographs in its publications and for display. Use on the internet, inclusion in videos, or duplication for slide shows (whether slide dup or electronic) is strictly prohibited. The Department of Fish and Game will attempt to coordinate a display of award-winning photographs at the California State Fair. When the pictures are used, the photographer will receive credit.

Judging will be done by a panel of experts selected by the Department of Fish and Game and representing expertise in the field of wildlife-related photography.

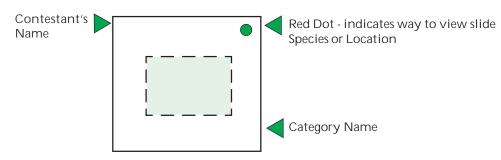
Certificates of excellence and honorable mention may be awarded in each category. In addition, a "Photograph of the Year" award will be given. This photograph will be displayed at Department headquarters. The photographer will receive a replica of that trophy.

The name of the photographer, the species or location the photograph was taken as well as the category of entry shall be written on the mounting of the

slide and accompanied by a completed Entry Form.

Entries *must be received* at the Conservation Education Office, Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 117, Sacramento, California 95814, prior to Dec. 31, 2003 at noon.

**Placement for information on slide mount.** Hold slide and view in the same direction as the original scene would be viewed and write on the slide mount (best to use non-smear ink) as indicated below. Glass slide mounts not accepted. Cardboard slide mounts are preferred.



## **CATEGORIES**

- 1. Bird
- 2. Fish
- 3. Invertebrate-Aquatic
- 4. Invertebrate-Terrestrial
- 5. Mammal
- 6. Reptile & Amphibian
- 7. Native Plant
- 8. Natural Environment
- 9. Wildlife In Action

## 2003 SPECIAL CATEGORY

Open This new category is for computer enhanced photographs. Computer software programs now make it possible to change original images (take out a branch, fence, etc.). This category is for photographs taken by the contestant. Using stock photography or photos other than your own is prohibited.

## COPYRIGHT LAW AND RESTRICTIONS

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and Outdoor California comply with copyright laws. DFG and Outdoor California accept images for the contest with the condition that entrants are in compliance with copyright law and that they are in fact the holder of such rights. DFG and Outdoor California will investigate allegations of copyright violations and take any action it deems necessary. Where a claim of copyright violation arises from an entrant's submission, the entrant will indemnify and hold DFG and Outdoor California harmless from and against any liability, loss or expense incurred.

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